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1. BELOW IS FOLLOW-ON INFO RE OAU AND ETHIOPIAN DELEGATIONS TO LOS CONFERENCE.

2. OAU LEGAL ADVISOR, EGBUNIKI (CF. PARA 3 REF B) WILL ARRIVE MARCH 21 IN GENEVA TO PARTICIPATE IN LOS CONFERENCE. OAU DELEGATION IS COMPOSED OF EGBUNIKI AND OAU A/SEC GEN FOR EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND HEALTH AFFAIRS, NOURREDINE DJOUDI. DJOUDI, WHO HAS BEEN IN GENEVA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, HEADS DELEGATION.

3. PRIOR TO ASSUMING POSITION WITH OAU IN APRIL, 1974, DJOUDI WAS THE ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR IN LAGOS. HE REPORTEDLY HAD EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS AND WAS ONE OF THE BEST INFORMED MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS THERE. DJOUDI IS INTELLIGENT, CAPABLE AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT FRENCH, ENGLISH AND ARABIC. HE IS A DEDICATED FOLLOWER OF THE ALGERIAN LINE ON NON-ALIGNMENT, ANTI-COLONIALISM, ANTI-ZIONISM. ALTHOUGH DJOUDI IS SUSPICIOUS OF THE WEST IN GENERAL AND US IN PARTICULAR, EMBASSY HAS HAD USEFUL RELATIONS WITH HIM. IN SPITE OF HIS OBVIOUS INTELLIGENCE, IT IS UNLIKELY

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THAT DJOUDI HAS A DEEP TECHNICAL GRASP OF THE INTRACACIES OF LOS

PROBLEMS. THE OAU TECHNICIAN IN THIS REGARD IS EGBUNIKI
(EGBUNIKI'S BIO SUBMITTED REF B).

4. ETHIOPIAN MOFA HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT ITS LOS DELEGATION
WILL CONSIST OF HAILU WOLDE-GIORGIS, WOLDE MAKAEI KELETCHA, AND
TEMESGEN SAMUEL, IN ADDITION TO DELEGATION LEADER, NAVY COMMANDER
HAILU MAKONNEN (BIO GIVEN PARA 2 REF B).

5. ATO HAILU WOLDE-GIORGIS, A HIGH RANKING MOFA OFFICIAL, HAS
BEEN ONE OF ETHIOPIA'S CHIEF LX EXPERTS FOR THE LAST FOUR
YEARS. HE IS INTELLIGENT, SPEAKS FRENCH AND ENGLISH, WAS
ACTING OAU INFORMATION OFFICER AND LEGAL OFFICER FOR ONE YEAR.
HE HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO THIS EMBASSY IN THE PAST. ATO HAILU
IS APPROACHABLE AND ONE CAN DISCUSS PROFITABLY WITH HIM THE
INTRICACIES OF LOS MATTERS.

6. WOLDE-MAKAEI KELETCHA, ASSISTANT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.
ATO WOLDE-MAKAEI HAS SERVED IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR
OVER TEN YEARS, FIRST AS DIRECTOR OF THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT AND
CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES. NOTHING ELSE IS KNOWN.

7. TEMESGEN SAMUEL, LEGAL ADVISOR, MARINE DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY
OF POST TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH. ATO TEMESGEN IS 29 YEARS OLD AND
A LAW GRADUATE FROM THE ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. HE WAS
AN AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE STUDENT IN LOS ANGELES, 1963-64.
ATO TEMESGEN, ALTHOUGH RELATIVELY YOUNG, IS REPORTED TO BE HIGHLY
INTELLIGENT AND CAPABLE. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH.
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